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Fulbright Charges Bay of Pigs Case Was 'Made' by the CIA

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Chairman J. William Fulbright, fighting to give his Senate Foreign Relations Committee a voice in overseeing Central Intelligence Agency operations, charged in testimony made public yesterday that the CIA "made the case" for the abortive Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba.

A censored version of the four-hour-long closed Senate session on July 14 consisted mainly of arguments on parliamentary procedure and rulings. The Senate voted, after the closed session, 61 to 28 to kill the proposal for three members of the Foreign Relations Committee to sit with the congressional watchdog committee on CIA spending and operations.

Fulbright alluded to a meeting he attended with Allen Dulles, then CIA Director, and

the late President Kennedy and others he did not identify. Heard Dulles Talk

"I did sit personally in a hearing with the President and Mr. Dulles and about 15 others, and heard him (Dulles) make the case for intervention in the Bay of Pigs," Fulbright said. The ill-fated invasion occurred in April, 1961.

Fulbright said the CIA "operates very deeply and broadly in the field of foreign relations." He said the interest of the Armed Services Committee was in military matters, and that his Committee should have more opportunity to observe the CIA's nonmilitary operations.

Sen. Stuart Symington (D-Mo.), a member of both the Armed Services and Foreign Relations Committees, said that in recent years he has "received more information

about the Central Intelligence Agency in the Foreign Relations Committee than in the Armed Services Committee."

Ready With Answers

Sen. Leverett Saltonstall (R-Mass.), a member of the CIA Committee, told the Senate, "I have never refused to tell any member of the Senate an answer to a question regarding the CIA and its activities."

Sen. Richard B. Russell (D-Ga.), Chairman of the CIA Committee who bitterly opposed expanded membership on his watchdog group, hit at what he said was "a theory that our committee has war mongers."

But said Russell, "I am frightened by people who want to disarm this country. They scare me to death. . . . If that means that I am a hawk, I am a hawk."